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(54) Printing wiring board and assembly of the same

(57) A printed wiring board (PWB) and assembly are described which are suitable for high density mounting of an electronic component and which can provide a thin and light assembly. A recess (10) is formed in one part of a PWB (1) and components (4, 4') are received in this recess (10). The components (4, 4') are lower than the surface of the PWB (1). A conductive pad (3) is provided to the bottom of the recess (10) and a connect-

ing terminal (4a) and the conductive pad (3) are electrically connected by using a solder ball (11) or a conductive adhesive material. The recess (10) is formed by partially removing one or more layers of plural conductive layers and insulating layers which make up the multilayer PWB (1).

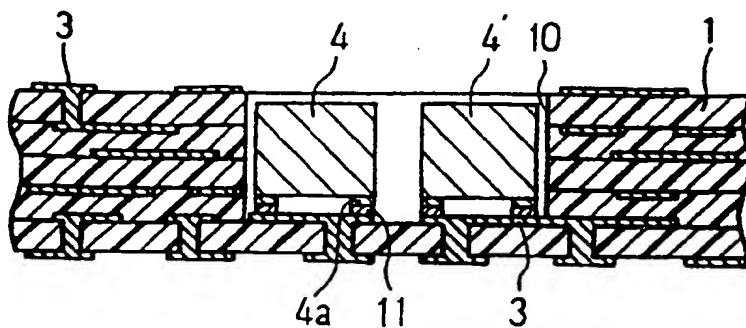


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1. Claims 1-9: Component thinner than printed wiring board in opening of printed wiring board
2. Claims 10-13: Multilayer printed wiring board having recess by laminating
3. Claims 14-24: Component connected to pads on bottom portion of recess in printed wiring board
4. Claims 25-29: Printed wiring board having vibration film over recess

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